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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 G06F9/54 G06F11/34 G06F9/46

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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